

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014  
3:00 PM  
ICDD  
830 S. Spring Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
and  
Via Conference Call

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, Chairperson  
Brad Guidi (via phone)  
Mary Kay Rizzolo  
Randy Staton  
Julie Stover

Staff Present

Jennifer Harrison  
Janinna Hendricks  
Vanessa Morris  
Sandy Ryan

Absent

Bonnie Dohogne

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**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

The Executive Committee meeting with the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on May 14, 2014. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding, Sandy Ryan, Program & Policy Director and Janinna Hendricks, Fiscal & Operations Director present. Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

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**AGENDA ITEM: 1<sup>st</sup> Consent Agenda**

Motion: Approval of the March 12, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.

Made By: Randy Staton

Second: Mary Kay Rizzolo

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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**AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Bogdan reported that Director Romano will not be in attendance for the Executive Committee and Council meeting.

The Chairperson reported that Director Romano celebrated 15 years of service as the Director of the Council on April 12, 2014. Also, the Director received the Leadership award from the Arc of Illinois at their annual conference on April 23, 2014.

The March 26, 2014 Going Home Rally was successful and well received with about 400 people in attendance. The Chairperson thanked Council members who attended.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report**

Sandy Ryan gave an update on the Chicago Community Trust. The Trust held a Housing Symposium during the winter and are following it up by convening a number of brown bag lunch discussions. The Trust brought together local champions for an Employment Breakfast on April 28, 2014. This breakfast was the first step in focusing awareness on the issue of employment for people with developmental disabilities to a broader audience. The Trust is planning a larger event in the fall.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the Council's Appropriations hearings. The House Appropriation hearing was held on April 2, 2014 and the Senate Appropriation hearing was held on April 22, 2014. Both of the hearings went well.

The Ligas Collaboration work group continues to move along. The work group meets quarterly to coordinate their efforts.

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Annual Conference and Technical Assistance Institute is scheduled for July 7 – July 10, 2014 in Washington, DC. The Council has submitted a request for three staff members to attend. The topics to be discussed at the conference relate to the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rules, health policies and employment. The Technical Assistance Institute will focus on data collection and DD Suites.

At tomorrow's Council meeting there will be additional presentations on Council projects. The September Council Retreat will be held on September 10 – September 11, 2014 at the Marriott Bloomington-Normal Hotel & Conference Center in Normal, IL.

The Committee discussed potential ideas for the Council's upcoming September Retreat. The consensus from the discussion was to have Sheryl Matney present on the DD Act, the new CMS rules as well as work on "elevator speeches" that the Council members could utilize in their local networks. Staff will begin developing the September Retreat agenda based upon the consensus from the Committee.

The Chairperson thanked Janinna Hendricks for her efforts in ensuring that the Council received 100% compliance for completing their Economic Interest forms.

The Council's funds available for May 2014 have not changed since the March 2014 meeting. The Council is continuing to monitoring spending.

Sandy Ryan updated the Committee on the State Plan and work within Committees. The Committees will continue to work on completing their performance targets. At this time there are no specific dollar amounts assigned to performance targets. As Committees develop funding ideas, coordination will be done to ensure funding availability.

At the March Executive Committee meeting there was discussion of a broad concept of building capacity among providers. At that time, Executive Committee members were interested in

further discussion. Staff provided additional information to assist in the discussion. Although no concrete ideas came forward, the consensus from the Executive Committee was that there is a need and there is a role for the Council to play. A number of ideas were discussed and the conversation will continue.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Project Updates**

Jennifer Harrison reported on the Rebalancing initiative. One of the measurement criteria for this project is identifying 40 success stories of individuals who have transitioned from State Operated Developmental Centers. After discussion with the grantee, staff recommended that employment success stories be included within the measurement to account for rebalancing efforts within the Employment First initiative. Consensus of the Executive Committee was to include both success stories of transitions and employment for this measurement criteria.

The Rebalancing workgroup recently hosted a Going Home Rally on March 26, 2014. The Rebalancing workgroup is now focused on building a cross disability coalition.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Old Business**

As follow-up from the March 2014 Executive Committee meeting, staff provided additional information on the current Consumer Stipend project. After much discussion, consensus was to look at ways of revising the eligibility criteria of the program to allow more people to apply for and obtain stipends.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: New Business**

Executive Committee moved to Closed Session.

Motion: To move to closed session under Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Director Romano's performance evaluation.

Made by: Randy Staton

Second: Brad Guidi

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Motion: To move from closed session.

Made by: Mary Kay Rizzolo

Second: Julie Stover

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Chairperson Bogdan reported that no formal action was taken.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

Motion: Move to adjourn at 5:05 pm

Made by: Mary Kay Rizzolo

Second: Julie Stover

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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